



Patent
Attorney's Docket No. 020600-283

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Patent Application of |) | Mail Stop AF |
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| Günter SCHMIDT <i>et al.</i> |) | Group Art Unit: 1634 ✓ |
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| Application No.: 09/462,408 |) | Examiner: Betty J. Forman |
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| Filed: April 10, 2000 |) | Confirmation No.: 5060 |
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| For: CHARACTERISING NUCLEIC ACIDS |) | |
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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is/are _____.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$385.00 (2801) ☐ \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted ___, on ___, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least ___, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

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- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

| A M E N D E D C L A I M S | | | | | |
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| | NO. OF CLAIMS | HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | ADD'L FEE |
| Total Claims | 25 | MINUS 26 = | 0 | × \$18.00 (1202) = | 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 7 | MINUS 7 = | 0 | × \$86.00 (1201) = | 0.00 |
| If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203) | | | | | |
| Total Claim Amendment Fee | | | | | 0.00 |
| If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee | | | | | |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | | | | 0.00 |

☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed for the fee due.

☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

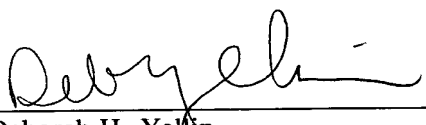
The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in complete and timely response to the *final* Office Action mailed August 8, 2003 (Paper No. 19) (November 8 and 9, 2003 were a Saturday and Sunday, respectively).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: